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LOS ANGELES, CALIF., Jan. 15, 1912.

J. E. MILLER,
Mount Morris, Ill.

One thousand dollars for new building. Cause for rejoicing that no one was injured. Push rebuilding with all possible energy. Your motto good, "burned out, but never dead." Misfortune will prove a blessing in disguise. Old Sandstone must rise from its ashes. Hope is already singing, "It is better further on."

D. L. MILLER.

Burning of Old Sandstone.

FACULTY

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Greek and Latin.
B. L., Mount Morris College, 1892; A. B., University of Michigan, 1894; A. M., University of Illinois, 1902.

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English and Philosophy.
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History and Latin.
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German, French, Greek and Education.
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Mathematics and Physics.
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Piano and Harmony.
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CHARLES H. KELTNER, A. B.
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Biology.
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Ph. B., Hamline University, 1909; B. O., Columbia College of Expression, 1910.

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Bookkeeping and Commercial Law.

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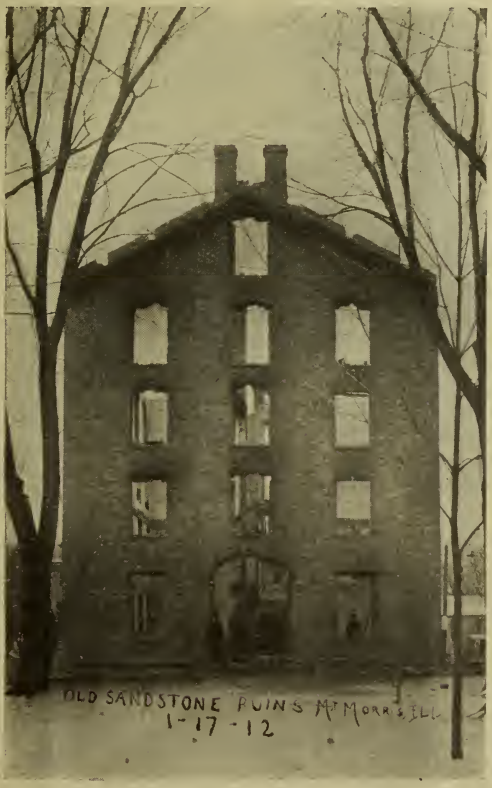
The Ruins of "Old Sandstone"



DESTROYED BY FIRE ON THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 15, 1912

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Old Sandstone was destroyed by fire January 15th. It was about one-thirty in the afternoon when smoke was scented; and when the doors which lead into the belfry were broken into, it was already in full blaze. How it started no one knows but presumably there was a defect in the flue. It was only a matter of a few hours until all the inside of the building was burned to the ground. The boys lost much but many of the citizens contributed to a general fund from which part of their loss was sustained. The college was a loser to the extent of at least $30,000.00 with an insurance of only $5,000.00. We are deprived of our dormitory for the boys, our commercial hall, our laboratories for the departments of agriculture, chemistry and geology, and of the old chapel where we gathered every morning as a school family. Nothing is left but the boiler and the bare walls. Elsewhere appeals are made calling special attention to the needs of the several departments. We wish here only to emphasize that we must have a dormitory, and a second building for recitation purposes. In this building the work in agriculture and general science must be located. Experience has demonstrated the fact that dormitories apart from recitation rooms are preferable.

The trustees have put their shoulders to the wheel. They are going to cause things to move. They will enter the field for funds and are calling to their assistance a number of others who know how to win. They mean to raise at least $50,000.00 for the needs of a Greater Mount Morris College. All who write are sounding the note of a "misfortune from which we must rise stronger than ever." Those who give utterance to this know no failure. The students have organized and they will help push matters. The societies have pledged their support. The faculty have assured us that they will not fail. The president of the board of trustees has already sent in his check for one thousand dollars. The president of the college has pledged five hundred dollars. Students and friends have taken up the strain and before a week had passed not less than two thousand five hundred dollars was pledged without any solicitation. The insurance adds five thousand more. We are going to make this a campaign in which everyone, rich and poor, high and low, learned and unlearned, may have a part. We are working and praying and paying for the money that we need. That's why we are going to get it.

We want your support; much if you can give it, little if that is all you can afford. We want church Aid Societies to furnish the rooms. It will cost fifty dollars to furnish one room. Some of the material can be made, some can best be purchased in bulk by the college, the Society furnishing the money. We want others to furnish recitation rooms, lobbies, etc. Above all, we want pledges for the general building fund so that the buildings may be erected, and be ready for occupancy next fall. We want you to receive our solicitors. We want you to think of what Old Sandstone has meant to the church, the state, the community and to you. Now is your opportunity to do something for Old Sandstone. You will do it. You have waited for the opportunity. It is before you right now. Cut out the pledge in the Bulletin, sign and fill with the sum you are ready to furnish. Write for more pledges and solicit your friends and neighbors. Help the work along because it is your work. Do not wait until tomorrow but do it now.

As soon as several competent architects have passed their opinion as to the best course to follow, plans will be drawn for the new buildings. Some hope Old Sandstone may be rebuilt; others are of the opinion that it must be pulled down. Whatever course must be followed, rest assured that good buildings, with large commodious up-to-date quarters, will be furnished both for rooms for the boys and for recitation rooms and laboratories. We are making the best of the present misfortune. "Down, but not out," is what each one is saying. If you have never boosted for M. M. C., now is your time. If you have been boosting, boost more and ask others to help. Enthusiasm, like fire, spreads rapidly.

The time is short, the need great, the work important. Money can be had. It must be had, for the good the college has been doing, not only may not stop,

but it must be increased. The number of college students doing work, and the high standard of their work, show the need of thorough equipment for college students.

LETTERS OF CHEER.

All the material for the Bulletin had been prepared when the fire destroyed Old Sandstone. As a result much of it was shoved aside and room was made for matter relating to the fire and our needs. Our readers will gather from various sources how the news was received and from that may learn how this loss affects not only ourselves who are actively engaged in the work at present but also those who once were here but now labor elsewhere.

From Manchester College.

Jan. 19, 1912.

President J. E. Miller,
Mount Morris, Ill.

Dear Brother:

We, the trustees, faculty and students of Manchester College, desire to extend to you our sympathy in the loss of Old Sandstone which, because of sacred memories, must be dear to all who in any sense have ever been connected with Mount Morris College. We also express a hope that it may not discourage but instead may stimulate to increased activity all your forces for an early erection of a modernly equipped building that even more efficient service may be rendered to your constituency.

Your co-laborers in the Lord,
L. D. EIKENBERRY,
SADIE I. STUTSMAN,
H. A. STUDEBAKER.

General Mission Board.

Elizabethtown, Penna.
Jan. 17, 1912.

My Dear Brother J. E. and Others Interested in the School:

I hasten to express to you my sympathy for your great loss. When the news reached me this morning my heart ached for a while because that place has held some very sacred memories to me. But the Lord who doeth all things well has a blessing in it somewhere and this I am sure we shall seek to find as soon as possible. * * *

God bless you and guide you all in these hours when your acts are going to mean much to the future educational work of the church is my prayer.

Fraternally,
GALEN B. ROYER.

Bethany Bible School.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 18, 1912.

Mount Morris College,
Mount Morris, Ill.

Dear Brethren:

Little by little the startling news has come to us here at Bethany Bible School concerning the sad providence that has come to you in the destruction of Old Sandstone.

Very keenly is the loss felt here, and the students and teachers join the trustees in extending to you our deepest sympathy in the problems this will place before you. We have been and are remembering you in our prayers that our God who reigns over all will bless you day by day, and also that He will even in this direct all things to the upbuilding of Mount Morris College. Many seeming calamities have opened the way for greater blessings; and we are confident that with perfect trust on our part as servants of God the way will be opened that out of this will come greater blessings.

Our very best wishes go with this to you in your work, and we beg to remain, Faithfully yours,

Trustees and Students of Bethany Bible School.
Per James M. Moore, Sec.

Juniata College.

January 22, 1912.

President J. E. Miller,
Mount Morris, Ill.

Dear Brother Miller: I was indeed sorry to learn about the destruction by fire of one of your buildings. Doubtless the financial loss as well as the inconvenience will be a hindrance to you in your work for the present; but I doubt not that the friends of the college will rally to its support at a time like this, and that it will be the occasion for a practical manifestation of their loyalty to the college. I know that you and your coworkers will be fully able to meet the situation in a strong-hearted way, and I write merely to express my interest in

your work, and sincere sympathy for you in the extra burden which has been placed upon you.

Sincerely yours,
I. HARVEY BRUMBAUGH.

Words from Many Sources.

"A card brings the shocking news of the Old Sandstone fire. Similar incidents are the part of daily current events, but they never come home until they occur at home."—C. V. Taylor, Prin. High School, Valley City, N. Dak.

"Sorry for the burning of Old Sandstone. Sincerely hope that you can make proper adjustments that all may be well with the school."—J. H. B. Williams, Elgin, Ill.

"I have full confidence in Mount Morris and am not worried in the least."—S. S. Blocher, York, N. Dak.

"Sorry to hear of burning of the building, but glad it was no worse."—O. J. Stouffer, Lanark, Ill.

"Just received Mount Morris paper with write-up of the fire. Message signed D. L. Miller, saying 'blessing in disguise' expresses my sentiments."—W. J. Geier, Baileyville, Ill.

"Certainly a great shock. That old building was the best thing on the campus, both structurally and architecturally. It would certainly be excellent if it were possible to secure two buildings—one for dormitory and the other for recitations and possible library. Our sympathies are extended to the institution and to you who must suffer the present inconvenience."—W. L. Eikenberry, University of Chicago.

"I was very sorry to hear of the fire, for I cherish many fond memories of that good old building. I hope it was not destroyed so badly but that it can be rebuilt."—H. Walter Blough, Instructor of Mathematics, High School, Naperville, Ill.

"I extend my sympathies to the college for it will mean no little work and worry."—Mrs. A. L. Clair, Willard, Wis.

"It is with much regret I learned of the burning of Old Sandstone both for the loss to the school and the destruction of so cherished an old structure around which clustered many pleasant memories."—Samuel H. Brubaker, Architect, Chicago.

"We are certainly sorry to learn of the great loss of Old Sandstone and also of the loss to the students."—David Neher, Custer, Mich.

"I spent many a good day in Old Sandstone so would like to see the old monument stand. Sorry to learn it is burned."—Ezra Lutz, Waddams Grove, Ill.

"Every rich man should thank the Lord for this opportunity to give something to a worthy cause."—Charles H. Sharer, Mount Morris, Ills.

"Glad no one was hurt and that the loss was only that of the building. May the Lord bless the cause and the work."—David Betts, Nampa, Idaho.

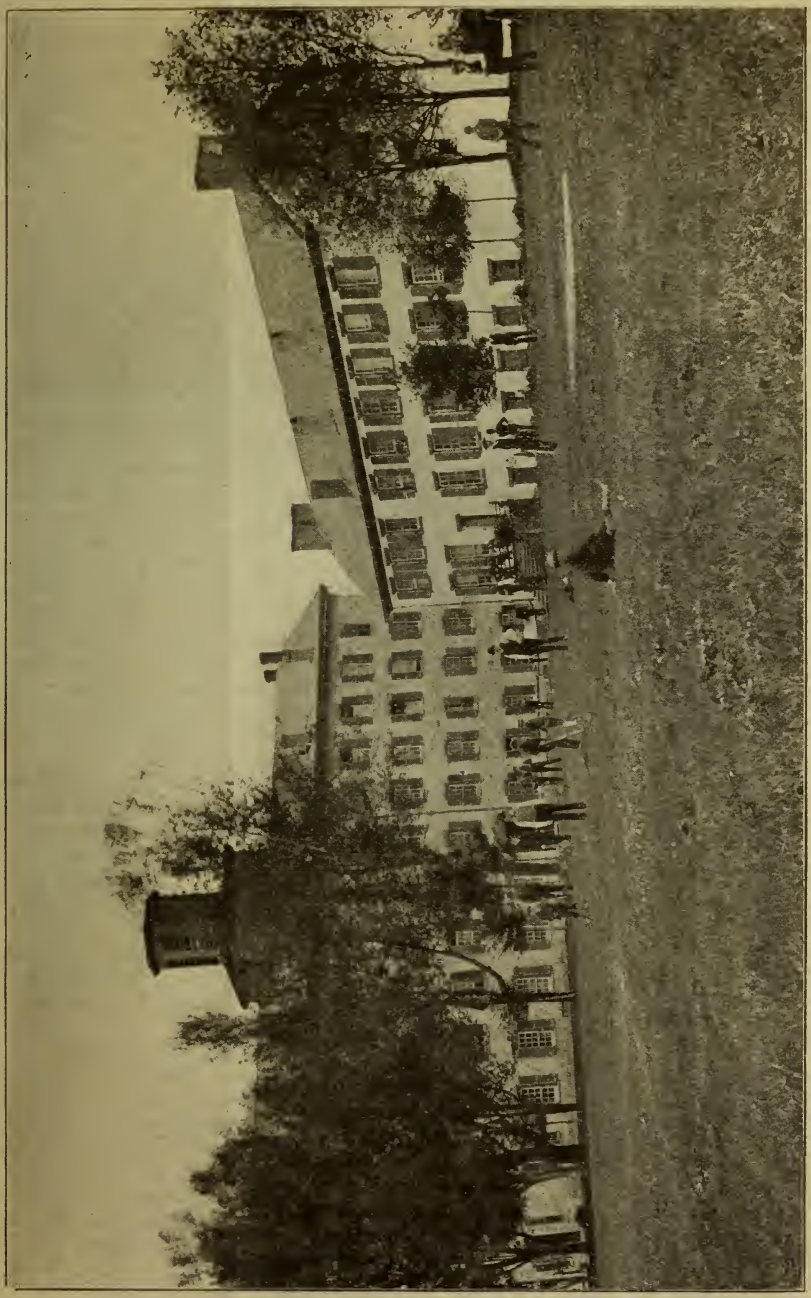
"It is certainly sad to think of the burning of Old Standstone but we are thankful that the boys are safe. Misfortune may be a blessing in the end. Success to the school."—Mrs. E. A. Thompson, Steward, Ills.

"Having suffered considerable of a loss by fire a few years ago I can sympathize in this case."—M. Neher, Leeton, Mo.

"Old Sandstone was once my home and I had pleasant memories of those days. This is not a death blow nor any very great loss to the college. Some institutions thrive the more after a fire. Now is the time to plan and build before the embers cool. We ought to make the coming commencement a college builder and money getter. We can make it an extraordinary occasion—a great week of scholarly, religious and financial features. The best program possible ought to be prepared and the occasion thoroughly advertised."—O. Perry Hoover, Instructor in Greek, High Schools of St. Louis, Mo.

AMPHICTIA'S BOOST FOR A NEW SANDSTONE.

The Amphictyon literary society, having existed in Mount Morris College for seventy years, feels itself so much a part of the college that it is doing all it can to aid in the construction of a new building to take Old Sandstone's place. In chapel on Friday, January 19, 1912, the society pledged $150 toward the building fund, and at the society business meeting Friday evening one hundred of the one hundred fifty dollars pledged was raised in a few minutes.



"OLD SANDSTONE" UP TO 1890.

Enough of the members were absent so that the remaining fifty can be raised without difficulty. The Society aims to raise among the active members more than the one hundred fifty dollars pledged for it is going to do all it possibly can for the dear old college which has nourished and sheltered it since 1842.

Besides raising all the money possible among the members now in school Amphictia is going to raise all she can among the thousands of loyal members scattered in every part of the United States, who in past years, have received literary training in Amphictia's Hall. Pres. Swartz has placed on a committee for raising funds among old members, Mr. Frank Meyers, Mr. Will Meyers and Miss Viola Lutz. The society expects old members to contribute at least a thousand dollars thru the society and many thousands more directly to the Trustees of the College. Active members are putting forth their very best efforts for the society, the management and the trustees, in boosting for the thoroughly modern, perfectly furnished building that is to rise from Old Sandstone's ashes and they know that on the prairies and in the mountains, in the country districts and in the cities of the United States there are many, many old members of Amphictia who will boost gladly and liberally for a New Sandstone.

PHILO SPIRIT.

Tho much we feel the loss that has come to the College thru the burning of Old Sandstone, the Rock River Seminary Landmark, we feel that in the end it will prove a blessing. It is at times like this one through which we are passing, that we as college workers are made to realize how many sympathetic friends we have and already "Hope is prompting us to a New and Better Sandstone and also a much needed Science Hall." The Philorhetorians have not forgotten that in years past their home used to be the west end of Old Sandstone. There on the fourth floor of that building in the weekly programs the standard for future Philos was set. It is very natural then that the Philos should be interested. In a special meeting of the Society on Wednesday January seventeenth the Philorhetorians decided to donate the fifty dollars which had been raised for the purpose of refurnishing their society hall and also decided to dispense with the yearly spring banquet and to donate that fund to the erection of "New Sandstone." Already the present active members of the Philorhetorian Society have pledged at least one hundred and twenty-five dollars and if the total amount will balance the enthusiasm we shall soon be able to give much more.

Do you realize what it would mean if every old Philo would express his enthusiasm in definite terms? "Once a Philo, always a Philo." Will you do your part?

AGRICULTURE—A PREDICAMENT.

Throughout the entire year one of the most urgent needs of Mount Morris College has been sufficient facilities for the rapidly growing Agricultural department. Last summer, conditions were temporarily bridged over, when the biology work was transferred to a large room in College Hall and the Agricultural department gained possession of an additional room. At best, however, even this additional room could satisfy the demand for only the immediate present. When the equipment was installed for the Soils classes, no place was left for the work in Farm Mechanics this year.

Now, since the fire of January 15, when our rooms and tables were destroyed, not even these inadequate quarters are available. At present the condition is especially trying. Yet, students have met it nobly by willingly agreeing to postpone taking certain laboratory courses until next year. But, if the work is to continue, and popular demand says it shall, adequate quarters must be provided by next fall.

At the same time arrangements should be made for giving instruction in Domestic Science to our girls. This year more than one third of our girls have asked for work in this subject and about the same proportion of our boys have taken work in Agriculture. The demand from the students as well as the many requests from parents makes the need imperative.

Everywhere sincere interest is being manifested by patrons of Mount Morris

SANDSTONE

By Ida Blough.

Tune—*"Tenting on the Old Camp Ground."*

We went about our tasks, care free,
On Mon-day afternoon,
When suddenly the firebell rang
Its awful warning tune.
Many were the men who hastened to find
What caused this doleful tone.
Many were the hearts that quickened with fear
To see 'twas Old Sandstone.
||Burning away, Burning away
Sandstone burning to the ground.||

The smoke grew dense, the flames leaped high,
Meanwhile the boys worked fast
To save their goods, when suddenly
The roof fell with a crash.
Many were the efforts put forth that day
To save the old landmark,
But all in vain, for naught remains
Save walls so bare and stark.
||Sandstone is burned, Sandstone is burned
Sandstone is burned to the ground.||

Old Sandstone stood for sixty years
And played its part full well.
It served for chapel and class room,
As its grim walls could tell.
Many are the men who in days gone by
Have called this building home,
But from its ashes there shall rise
A modernized Sandstone.
||Give her a boost, give her a boost
Boost for New Sandstone.||

This song was sung by four girls in the memorable chapel services of January 18, and was adopted as the campaign song for our $50,000 building fund.

College and all realize that work in Agriculture and Domestic Science has an important relation to the future history of the communities which support the school. Courses that train young men for sucessful, intelligent farming and young women for the most attractive vocation—homemaking, are sure to be popular with a frugal, industrious people. They will be adequately provided for by the fathers, mothers and friends who have at heart the future of church and community.

In answer to the questions concerning the exact needs for these courses, I may say, first, that there is no room in any of the present buildings and no new dormitory can be built which can serve successfully as both laboratory and dormitory. To furnish sufficient room for the laboratories and lecture rooms for Agriculture and Domestic Science requires a separate building. It must contain rooms for a model kitchen, food laboratories, dairy laboratory (including room for butter-making), Soils laboratory, Farm Mechanics laboratory and room for stock judging as well as sufficient recitation rooms.

Work has been begun on the plans for such a building and with the help of those who want to see Mount Morris College do the best for the young men and women it will go rapidly to completion. CHARLES H. KELTNER.

TO FRIENDS OF GENERAL SCIENCE, DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURE:

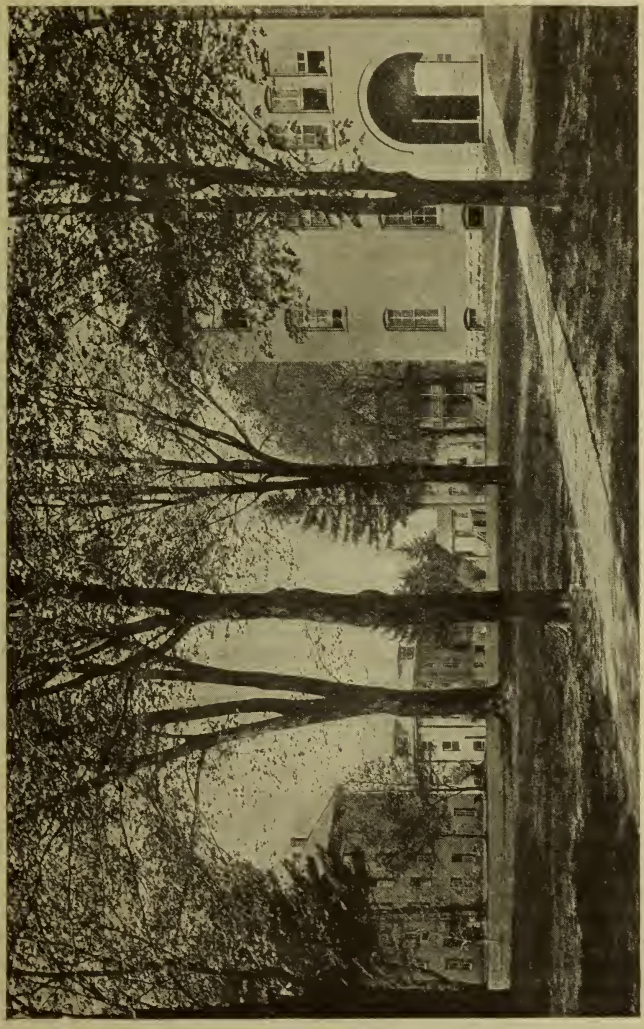
Mount Morris College has had a department of General Science and Agriculture. With the burning of Old Sandstone forty per cent of the apparatus and specimens in the Chemical Laboratory and Agricultural Department was devoured by the conquering flames. Most of the Geological specimens were saved.

The College has gradually been outgrowing its facilities in the Science Department. Several years ago the Physics Laboratory was moved into the Mathematics room in College Hall. Following that another room in College Hall was given to the Biological work. This left the Chemistry, Geological, and Agricultural work in Old Sandstone. All of these branches have been growing rapidly. They have been able to do good work but have been doing it in the two different buildings and even then are crowded. If any department is to do its best work it must be united and have more room for development and growth. Moreover the rooms that were by force of necessity given to the Physics and Biology are needed badly in the Literary Department.

Mount Morris College has never enjoyed the privileges and opportunities which Domestic Science would bring to it. Many of our patrons have desired that their children study Domestic Science. Now is the time for you to help us to obtain this new field of science. "Never put off until tomorrow what can be done to-day." To-day is the right time to install this work in our school. One reason we have never had this branch is on account of the lack of a suitable building. We have a good Manual Training Department for the boys and we ought to have Domestic Science for the girls. We believe the time is here when you are determined that we have this work and we have faith to believe that there will be a large class in it next year studying it under the instruction of an excellent teacher and in a room well equipped for that purpose.

We have every reason to believe that this is a time which will be looked upon as a turning point in the history of the Science Department of Mount Morris College and that you who are interested in the education of young men and women who are to become the teachers and practical users of Science will avail yourselves of this opportunity to assist the student body in its effort to obtain a new Science Hall. In doing this you are not only benefiting the present students, all future students, but also the people who are not fortunate enough to attend College. They will be the better prepared for life by their association with those attending school. Right now is the time for you to do this good work. What are YOU willing to do?

Give your boy money and he may spend it; give him a house, it may burn. Give him an education, it will make him a man.



A Summer View of College Campus and Buildings

MEMORIES OF OLD SANDSTONE.

Old Sandstone is now a memory. Her life-story is in the past. We treasure her memories, however, and appreciate the power of her old dormitory life and wish in some effective way to give to the future the treasure of her past. We want these precious, personal memories of Old Sandstone gathered from far and near and bound by the common cord of the old school home. If you ever had your home within her gray walls we want your contribution, your memory, for this collection. We know it will be worth your while to write it and it will give you pleasure to read those of others. We want the book to be a fit tribute to the life that has gone out from the old school home and we want you to help us.

If you are at all interested in the book write us and say what you would like to see in the book and enclose with your letter your own contribution.

The book will be fully illustrated, well bound, printed on fine paper and edited by Dr. D. D. Culler, Professor of English Language and Literature. You will want your tribute in it and the book on your library table. Write today sending your communication to Dr. D. D. Culler, Mount Morris, Ills.

FOUR HUNDRED FOR 1912 AND 1913.

In the November issue of the Bulletin reference was made to John S. Noffsinger's proposal that the enrollment of Mount Morris College be four hundred for 1912-13, stating that he was going to do his part toward reaching that number. Now comes a letter from Rev. Olin F. Shaw of Dixon, Illinois, who has recently been elected as a member of the Board of Trustees, stating that that four hundred idea just strikes him and he is anxious to have every member of the Board of Trustees, every member of the faculty and every member of the school, both this year and of former years, to do his part toward making four hundred not only the aim but also the realization of 1912-13. This proposition coming from the student body and backed by the trustees, management and faculty certainly has the right reins. Think it over and then drop a card stating that you will be one and how many you will bring to M. M. C., September, 1912. The bullet never goes higher than the aim so aim high and work hard. Everything comes to those who work while they wait.

$10,000 ADDED TO THE ENDOWMENT.

During the past year our former president, J. G. Royer, has conducted a quiet but successful campaign in behalf of the college endowment. All who know him understand that when Professor Royer goes after something he never lets up until he has secured it. By the middle of September he announced that the ten thousand dollars upon which the pledges had been given conditionally had been secured and since then he has been collecting the money subscribed. This ten thousand is to be added to the general endowment of the college. It is, however, not the end but just the beginning of future work. The trustees have resolved to put their shoulders to the wheel and see that the wants of the college are properly supplied.

LIKES THE BULLETIN.

From the Twin Falls School of Business, Twin Falls, Idaho, Mr. W. R. Bartmess, a graduate of the Mount Morris Business School, writes, under date of December 18th, "No one feature during the past three weeks has caused me such intense interest for a short time as the pleasure of reading the Bulletin. It is full of news and progress and Alma Mater spirit. May the staff be remunerated by the good for which it is edited.

Being engaged in business and also in educational work Mr. Bartmess is in a position to appreciate what is material suitable for a College Bulletin. From various sources reports come that the Bulletin furnishes the kind of matter that is wanted. We will be glad for news from students and patrons and assure you that the good will and your efforts are most sincerely appreciated.

Every mail brings encouraging news. all urge to build for the future. Sentiment for Old Sandstone is strong, but that deals with the past. It served its day, it made its men.

WHY THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE SHOULD LIVE.

1. It set the standard of American education and has maintained it.
2. It is the mother of College Presidents and America's most prominent educator.
3. Its form of government is truly American, and free from politics.
4. It is free from the irreligious sectarianism which denies a place to the Bible in the curriculum of study.
5. It believes that the formative element in history is Christianity, and that any curriculum is defective which fails to teach it.
6. It believes that the words of Jesus and Paul should be studied as well as those of Socrates and Plato.
7. It believes that teachers of youth should know the truth.
8. It is an institution born of faith and fostered by those who have strong convictions.
9. Its educational work is done for less money than that of any other agency.
10. Its students, coming from the best Christian homes, help to create a clean, strong collegiate life.
11. Its students are taught to live economically, to think rightly, and to act nobly.
12. Its product is the well trained, accomplished Christian citizen.
13. It gives the greatest return to the country of any philanthropic investment known to Christian men and women.

—Assembly Herald.

BIBLE DEPARTMENT.

The following is from a circular recently issued from the Bible Department. It will be read with interest by all who wish to keep posted in that line of work.

"The Annual Bible Institute of Mount Morris College.—Twenty-six years ago the management of the college held a two weeks' Bible institute in the college chapel. This was the first Bible Institute ever held in any of the schools of the Church of the Brethren. Mount Morris was thus the pioneer in this new method of getting the young and old of the church interested in systematic Bible study. Every year since its beginning successful and inspiring institutes have been conducted by some of the ablest men in the Brotherhood. Hundreds of Sunday school teachers and ministers have been helped to a more extended knowledge of the Book of Books, a deeper and sweeter devotion to God and a firmer belief in the doctrines of the New Testament by attending the institute.

"In more recent years a number of the aggressive brethren over the Brotherhood have caught the spirit of these institutes and have held them in their local churches. Others have been held in state districts as a district institute.

"These annual Bible Institutes in our college have been of inestimable value in promoting Bible study in the Brotherhood. The time has come for us to take another step forward. We are ready to take the institute to such congregations as desire to have it. We, therefore, offer to all who are interested the following:

"It is our purpose to give, free of charge, the service of the Dean of our Bible Department during the month of January to any church that will call for his services for a three days' Bible Institute. He will serve as many churches in this capacity as will call upon him and with which suitable dates can be arranged in the month of January. Churches calling first will be served first. There will be four subjects treated, occupying four hours per day for the three days. The time of day can be arranged to suit the congregation served.

"The following are the subjects to be given during January, 1912:

"1. THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS OF 1911 AND 1912. The lessons next year will be on the Life of Christ. The 400 years between the close of the Old Testament and the birth of Christ is to many Sunday school teachers, and even ministers an unexplored field. It is the purpose in three lessons to emphasize some of God's dealings with his people during this period which prepared them for the coming of Christ.

"2. A SURVEY OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST. In the three lessons given upon this subject a simple, natural and easily remembered outline of the Life of

Christ will be given and the critical periods in His life emphasized.

"3. THE DOCTRINE OF THE BRETHREN. Several of the most important doctrines held sacred by the Brethren will be studied in three lessons.

"4. DEVOTIONAL BIBLE STUDY. Methods of studying the Bible for devotional purposes will be studied under this head. An effort will be made to show how daily prayer and meditation upon the Bible may be made a pleasure."

Professor M. W. Emmert, Dean of the Bible School, conducted Institutes in the following places and from every place he has been only words of the highest commendation have come: Lanark, Hickory Grove, Mt. Carroll and Cherry Grove.

PERSONAL.

Frank Barkdoll has accepted a position with the Burlington at Batavia and writes that he enjoys it immensely. In closing he says—"The memories of days spent at Mount Morris College are the pleasantest I have and ever expect to have. I wish you and the school a most prosperous future."

Ralph B. Snively is now one of the prosperous merchants of Long Beach, Calif. He is in the shoe business and has as a partner Clark M. Heckman. These enterprising young men both spent several years at M. M. C. and their many friends will be glad to learn of their new venture and especially to learn of the marked success they are meeting with. California is filled with former Mount Morris College students.

We were pleased to note recently that Dr. O. G. Brubaker of Burlington, Ind., was one of the speakers at the Medical Society of his state recently. By the way the doctor is meeting with unqualified success in his practice and finds his work almost more than he can attend to at times. His automobile gets him around quickly over the gravel roads but even then the day is too short for some occasions.

Attorney J. C. Lehner is located in Chicago and is building up a good practice. He says Chicago is full of lawyers but that he finds room for the man who knows his business and is willing to give a square deal on all occasions. And Mr. Lehner is willing to give the square deal.

E. O. Palmer is improving the long winter evenings by taking some work in law in Chicago. He finds that the better one is prepared the better are his chances of success. Mr. Palmer attributes no small part of his success to the training he received while at our college.

A. W. Ross and wife of India report very favorably of their work. They remember with pleasure their years at M. M. C., and will be glad to meet again on the old campus when their time for homecoming for a year of rest shall bring them into our midst. After speaking favorably of their workers in general he mentions D. J. Lichty who is supported by the Mount Morris College Missionary Society. One paragraph runs as follows: "Dan is a hard working man and is building up a Christian community that is telling on the surrounding people. Dan is not a man for sentiment or show or anything that smacks of being superficial. He is a man for an every day grind and that is what counts on the field." He also speaks of the splendid help the native workers are rendering, showing that they have the right stuff in them if only they are properly directed.

Elder W. B. Stover and family expect to spend the coming year in America. Of course much of their time will be in Mount Morris as her mother lives here. This means that we will have an opportunity to study India Missions at first hand while they are in our midst. Both being M. M. C. graduates naturally turns them hither when they think of educating their children the oldest of which will be ready for work in the academy with several years of the course already finished when he enters.

Writing from Japan, Sadie Miller reports a most delightful voyage over the Pacific Ocean. She preferred taking the trip westward on her way to Bombay because she enjoys sea going and also wished to see more of the world than she had yet seen. Her furlough proved helpful and uplifting and she returns to her field with an inspiration that can come only to those who feel that they are doing the work for which they are prepared and to which they have been called.

SINGING SCHOOL AT DALLAS CENTER, IOWA.

Just before Christmas vacation began an inquiry came to the president's office from Dallas Center, Iowa, asking for someone to teach a singing school for two weeks. After an exchange of a few telegrams Mr. Ammon Swope, of the college class of 1912, was secured and spent two weeks singing every evening. Attendance was about seventy-five each night, and the interest was excellent. The class wanted Mr. Swope to stay another week but school duties were pressing him and he was obliged to quit at the end of the time for which he had agreed. The class was taught in the rudiments of music, also given special drill in the Brethren Song Book, Kingdom Songs. By the way, we are glad to announce that any who want singing schools taught will do well to write to Mount Morris College and secure someone to conduct a two weeks' course. The time was when every community counted on a singing school some time during the year, and many are the fathers and mothers who can tell of the pleasant and profitable evenings thus spent. Sunday Schools and Churches that mean to retain congregational singing as a part of their worship should not over-look the fact that some time must be given to this if the rising generations are to keep up the old and good practice of "everybody singing."

FROM TWO HOOSIERS.

President J. E. Miller,
Mount Morris Ill.

Dear Brother:

The burning of Old Sandstone appeals to me as a personal loss. When you get ready to rebuild I will be ready to contribute.

Yours truly,
ISAAC CRIPE.

Prof. J. E. Miller,
Mount Morris, Ill.

Dear J. E.:

Somehow we boys feel that Old Sandstone is about the most sacred spot in Mount Morris. . . . I can hold my pen no longer. I must write and tell you I am determined to help build a NEW building. We are waiting for plans. We want to help. What aside from my meager donation can I do to help you? E. C. Metzger and I have talked together and personally we would like to have every student that ever roomed in Old Sandstone to help. Southern Indiana has a large number of M. M. C. students. What can we do?

Sincerely,
O. G. BRUBAKER.

We must have $50,000.00. Write this pledge as large as you can. Mail it to us today.

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On or before June 1st, 1912, I promise to pay **Mount Morris College** or order at Mount Morris, Illinois,

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These College Boys must have a home. The College must have a Building for Agriculture, General and Domestic Science. Here is your opportunity to make an investment that will bring big returns in the making of men and women. Think. Act. Do it now. See pledge on page 15.

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